[Mr. N. E. Varughese.]

(*d*) the reasons why the Government put off the work ;

(*e*) whether they intend to include this work in the next year's (1110) budget; and

(*f*) whether they are aware of the existence of a High School and a market on either side of the river ?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) 2nd September 1932.

(*b*) Yes, if sufficient funds were available.

(*c*) In the year 1108.

(*d*) A sum of Rs. 3,000 was allotted for the work in 1108, but the land compensation charges alone were expected to be about Rs. 1,100. The balance amount, *viz.*, Rs. 1,900 was not sufficient for such a big work.

(*e*) The question providing funds in 1110 will be considered along with the Budget for that year.

(*f*) Yes.

*Experts of the Indutries Department.*

338. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of experts in the Industries Deparment of Travancore ;

(*b*) the amount already spent, till the end of 1108, for the working of these experts ; and

(*c*) the profit gained or the loss sustained by Government from the works done by the serveral experts ?

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*) :

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) Rs. 1,30,238.

(*c*) It is not possible to furnish the information.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the member can furnish the House with any record of work done by these experts according to the promise given by him during the last budget session of the Assembly ?

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*) : I claim notice.

*Registry of swampy areas within Reserved forests.*

339. ***MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the extent, in acres, of the several swampy portions suitable for paddy cultivation in the different reserved forests of Travancore ?

**MR. T. C. THOMMEN** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : 4,588 acres.

*Text-Book Committee.*

340. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHMAH SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of members constituting the Text-Book Committee formed in 1109 and the communities to which they belong ?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

Total number of members 25.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brahmins | ... | 4 |
| Nairs | ... | 7 |
| Christians | ... | 7 |
| Europeans | ... | 2 |
| Anglo-Indian | ... | 1 |
| Ezhava | ... | 1 |
| Vellala | ... | 1 |
| Mudaliar | ... | 1 |
| Kshatriya | ... | 1 |

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know why all the communities are not represented in the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That question has already been answered several times in the course of this session.

*Conversion of Putherikandam into a garden.*

341. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to convert the Putherikandam fields into a garden:

(*b*) when this idea originated and

(*c*) whether the Trivandrum Municipality had addressed the Government urging the need and desirability of converting these fields into a park?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1928.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether any action has been taken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

*Selection of Muslim candidates for the Engineering College Madras.*

342. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Muslims have applied this year (1109) for selection to the Madras Engineering College and

(*b*) how many were admitted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 20th May 1934 has been fixed as the final date for sending applications for selection to the Madras Engineering College and the selection of candidates will be made only hereafter.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

*Tank on the north of Navaikulam Temple.*

343. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:



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